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**COCOA MAN SENTENCED TO 21 YEARS, 10 MONTHS  
FOR DEALING "CRACK" COCAINE**

Orlando, Florida - Chief United States District Judge Patricia A. Fawsett today sentenced Neally Cunningham, age 35, to 21 years' and 10 months' imprisonment for distribution and possession with intent to distribute cocaine base, commonly known as "crack" cocaine. Cunningham was found guilty by a jury on June 1, 2006, of two counts of "crack" cocaine distribution and possession with intent to distribute.

According to court documents and the evidence presented at trial, the defendant sold "crack" cocaine to a confidential informant on two occasions in February 2005, totaling 1.2 grams. The transactions were monitored by surveillance agents. The defendant was sentenced as a career offender because he has prior felony convictions for drug dealing and possession.

The case was investigated by the Cocoa Police Department and the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration. The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Bruce S. Ambrose.